

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR**

**Call to Order:** Chair Tom Berry, on January 15, 2015 at 8:00 AM, in Room 172 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Tom Berry, Chair (R)  
Rep. Ryan Lynch, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Daniel R. Salomon, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Christy Clark (R)  
Rep. Willis Curdy (D)  
Rep. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)  
Rep. Chuck Hunter (D)  
Rep. George G. Kipp III (D)  
Rep. Mike Lang (R)  
Rep. Mark Noland (R)  
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)  
Rep. Christopher Pope (D)  
Rep. Vince Ricci (R)  
Rep. Tom Richmond (R)  
Rep. Scott Staffanson (R)  
Rep. Tom Steenberg (D)  
Rep. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. David (Doc) Moore (R)  
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Karen Armstrong, Committee Secretary  
Pat Murdo, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 38, 1/12/2015; HB 44, 1/12/2015; HB 80, 1/12/2015

Executive Action: HB 38; HB 50; HB 57; HB 66; HB 79; HB 81; HB 95; HB 110

00:00:01 Chairman Berry

**HEARING ON HB 38**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:53 Rep. Casey Schreiner (D), HD 25, opened the hearing on HB 38, Generally revise gaming laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:03:22 Rick Ask, Administrator, Gambling Control Division, Department of Justice (DOJ)

00:13:09 Neil Peterson, Gaming Industry Association (GIA)

00:14:03 Ronda Wiggers, Montana Coin Machine Operators Association (MCMOA)

00:16:46 John Iverson, Montana Tavern Association (MTA)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:17:20 Rep. Ricci

00:18:01 Rick Ask, DOJ

00:18:24 Rep. Ricci

00:18:30 Rick Ask, DOJ

00:18:56 Rep. Ricci

00:19:47 Rick Ask, DOJ

00:20:08 Rep. Staffanson

00:20:27 John Iverson, MTA

00:20:40 Chair Berry

00:20:45 Rick Ask, DOJ

00:20:56 Rep. Staffanson

00:21:02 Rick Ask, DOJ

00:21:21 Chairman Berry

00:21:29 Rep. Staffanson

00:21:40 Rick Ask, DOJ

00:22:10 Rep. Lang

00:22:37 Rick Ask, DOJ

00:23:09 Rep. Lang

00:23:15 Rep. Clark

00:23:24 Rick Ask, DOJ

00:24:07 Rep. Clark

00:24:34 Rick Ask, DOJ

00:25:13 Rep. Pope

00:25:36 Rick Ask, DOJ

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:26:17 Rep. Schreiner

00:27:00 Vice Chair Salomon assumed the chair.

**HEARING ON HB 44**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:27:13 Rep. Tom Berry (R), HD 40, opened the hearing on HB 44, Revise license terms for board of public accountants.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:27:42 Dan Vuckovich, Board of Accountancy (BOA)  
00:36:33 George Olsen, Montana Society of Certified Public Accountants (MSCPA)  
00:38:51 Grace Berger, Executive Officer, Board of Public Accountants, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

**EXHIBIT(buh09a01)**

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:42:52 Chairman Salomon  
00:43:03 Dan Vuckovich, BOA  
00:43:20 Chairman Salomon  
00:43:39 Dan Vuckovich, BOA

**EXHIBIT(buh09a02)**

00:44:08 Rep. Staffanson  
00:44:38 Dan Vuckovich, BOA  
00:45:08 Rep. Clark exited.  
00:45:18 Rep. Richmond  
00:45:48 Dan Vuckovich, BOA  
00:46:12 Rep. Richmond  
00:46:15 Rep. Clark returned.  
00:46:25 Dan Vuckovich, BOA

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:46:46 Rep. Berry

**HEARING ON HB 80**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:47:23 Rep. Ryan Lynch (D), HD 76, opened the hearing on HB 80, Revising certain licensing boards.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:48:50 Judy Bovington, Chief Legal Counsel, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)  
**EXHIBIT(buh09a03)**  
00:49:24 Dwight Rose, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 233 (IBEW)  
00:49:47 John Gordon, Montana State Electrical Board (MSEB)  
00:50:04 John Forkan, Montana State Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters (MSAPP)  
00:50:38 Margaret Morgan, Montana Independent Electrical Contractors (MIEC)  
00:51:56 Scott Lemert, Vice Chairman, Montana Plumbing Board

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:52:52 Rep. Richmond  
00:53:12 Keith Allen, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW)  
00:53:42 Judy Bovington (DLI)

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:54:00 Rep. Lynch  
  
00:54:08 Chairman Berry resumed as chair.  
  
00:54:29 Recessed.  
01:21:16 Reconvened with Rep. Berry, Rep. Moore and Rep. Pierson absent.  
  
01:21:18 Rep. Salomon resumed as chair. Rep. Berry left the meeting.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 50**

01:21:26 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Fitzpatrick moved that **HB 50 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Berry, Rep. Moore and Rep. Pierson voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 57**

01:22:13 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Fitzpatrick moved that **HB 57 DO PASS**. Motion carried 18-1 by voice vote with Rep. Staffanson voting no. Rep. Berry, Rep. Moore and Rep. Pierson voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 66**

01:23:02 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Fitzpatrick moved that **HB 66 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Berry, Rep. Moore and Rep. Pierson voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 79**

01:23:35 **Motion:** Rep. Fitzpatrick moved that **HB 79 DO PASS**.  
  
01:24:18 **Motion:** Rep. Fitzpatrick moved that **HB 79 BE AMENDED**.  
[\*\*EXHIBIT\(buh09a04\)\*\*](#)

**Discussion:**

01:24:30 Rep. Lynch

01:24:54 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Berry, Rep. Moore and Rep. Pierson voted by proxy.

01:25:16 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Fitzpatrick moved that **HB 79 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Berry, Rep. Moore and Rep. Pierson voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 81**

01:25:43 **Motion:** Rep. Fitzpatrick moved that **HB 81 DO PASS**.

**Discussion:**

01:26:00 Rep. Lynch

01:26:09 Pat Murdo, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

01:36:00 Rep. Pierson arrived.

01:26:27 **Vote:** Motion carried 18-1 by voice vote with Rep. Fitzpatrick voting no. Rep. Berry and Rep. Moore voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 95**

01:26:53 **Motion:** Rep. Fitzpatrick moved that **HB 95 DO PASS**.

01:27:35 **Motion:** Rep. Fitzpatrick moved that **HB 95 BE AMENDED**.  
[EXHIBIT\(buh09a05\)](#)

**Discussion:**

01:27:40 Pat Murdo, LSD

01:28:31 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Berry and Rep. Moore voted by proxy.

01:28:51 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Fitzpatrick moved that **HB 95 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried 18-1 by voice vote with Rep. Fitzpatrick voting no. Rep. Berry and Rep. Moore voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 110**

01:29:25 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Fitzpatrick moved that **HB 110 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Berry and Rep. Moore voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 80**

01:29:58     **Motion:** Rep. Fitzpatrick moved that **HB 80 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

01:30:26     Rep. Olsen

01:30:54     Rep. Salomon

01:31:03     Without objection, Rep. Fitzpatrick withdrew the DO PASS motion.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 38**

01:31:18     **Motion:** Rep. Fitzpatrick moved that **HB 38 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

01:31:34     Rep. Staffanson

01:31:59     **Vote:** Motion carried 17-2 by roll call vote with Rep. Kipp and Rep. Staffanson voting no. Rep. Berry and Rep. Moore voted by proxy.

01:32:03     Chair Salomon

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 01:32:11

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Karen Armstrong, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([buh09aad.pdf](#))